

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 10-16 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

The following is a complete listing of claims in this application.

Claims 1-16 (canceled).

17. (New) Apparatus for alignment of a dental prosthesis, said apparatus comprising:

an implant for insertion in the jaw bone of a patient, the implant having a generally axial bore internally threaded over a portion of its length;

an abutment to which the prosthesis will be formed, and which is locked to the implant by interaction of a separable bolt which is externally threaded over a portion of its length with the internal threads of the implant; and

a plurality of angled templates for use with said implant, each of said templates being a single piece and comprising a body having a right cylindrical, locator lug at one end thereof and a right cylindrical alignment shaft at an opposite end thereof, said locator lug being constructed and arranged to interact with the axial bore of the implant only when the implant and template are fully inter-engaged, and said alignment shaft is constructed and arranged at an inclined angle to the locator lug for orientation of the alignment shaft relative to teeth adjacent the implant,

wherein each template of said plurality of templates has a different inclined angle between 5° and 45°, and one of said templates is selected to determine a correct abutment to use, the selection of said one template being made on the basis of the orientation of the alignment shaft thereof relative to the teeth adjacent the implant.

18. (new) Apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the

locator lug comprises a frusto-cone having a portion of smaller diameter towards a free end of the lug.

19. (new) Apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the locator lug further comprises an extension piece extending generally axially from the frusto-cone towards the free end of the locator lug.

20. (new) Apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the frusto-cone comprises a plurality of driving flats disposed on portions of its surface, constructed and arranged for inter-connection with corresponding elements on the implant.

21. (new) Apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the frusto-cone comprises a plurality of driving flats disposed on portions of its surface.

22. (new) Apparatus according to claim 17, wherein each said template comprises a shaft remote from the locator lug, said shaft being adapted to mimic the adjacent teeth.

23. (new) A method for alignment of a dental prosthesis, said method comprising:

inserting an implant in the jaw bone of a patient, the implant having a generally axial bore internally threaded over a portion of its length;

providing a plurality of angled templates for use with said implant, each of said templates comprising a body having a right cylindrical locator lug at one end thereof and a right cylindrical alignment shaft at an opposite end thereof, said locator lug being constructed and arranged to interact with the axial bore of the implant only when the implant and template are fully inter-engaged, and said alignment shaft is constructed and arranged at an inclined angle to the locator lug for orientation of the alignment shaft relative to teeth adjacent the implant, wherein each of said plurality of templates has a different inclined angle between 5° to 45°;

selecting one of said templates on the basis of a correct orientation of the alignment shaft thereof relative to the teeth adjacent the implant; and

selecting an abutment to which the prosthesis will be formed based on the inclined angle of the selected template, said abutment being locked to the implant by interaction of a separable bolt which is externally threaded over a portion of its length with the internal threads of the implant